

Remarks

With entry of this amendment, claims 10-21 are now pending. Originally filed claims 1-9 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer and Applicants have entered new claims 10-21. The new claims are fully supported by the original application disclosure and claims of the international application as originally filed. For example, in claims 1-9 as filed, and in the specification at page 7, lines 17-27. Accordingly, no new matter has been added.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would be helpful in advancing the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is respectfully urged to contact Applicants' representative, Charles Niebylski, at (202) 408-4128.

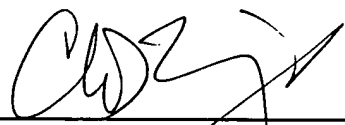
Applicants do not believe that a fee is required to obtain entry of this amendment. If, however, this is incorrect, then please grant any extension of time required to enter this amendment and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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